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CENTER FOR EVOLUTIONARY AND ENVIRONMENTAL BIOLOGY

PALEONTOLOGISTS EFFORTS PAY OFF WITH RARE REPTILE FIND

Curator **Olivier Rieppel** (Geology) and family, Preparator **Bob Masek** (Geology) and student **Paul Brinkman** recently returned from two weeks of prospecting in the Alcova limestone near Casper, Wyoming. The team of paleontologists looked through tons of rock for the fossil remains of *Corasaurus alcovensis,* a Triassic marine reptile and the only known vertebrate from the Alcova limestone. Known from only one skull and very few other specimens, the 225-million year old *Corasaurus* is an extremely rare find. The team's efforts were rewarded with a partial skeleton and various isolated bones. Congratulations on this excellent find!

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION OF ILLINOIS HONORS FIALKOWSKI

Each year at its annual meeting, EEAI presents awards to individuals and organizations that have made significant contributions to the field of environmental education. The Malcolm E. Swan Award for Outstanding Service in the Field of Environmental Education was awarded this year to **Carol Fialkowski**, Environmental Educator in Residence here at Field Museum.

This award recognizes the efforts of those people who have had a large-scale impact in the field of environmental education. These efforts may have taken the form of publications produced, legislation created, facilities developed, innovative curricula or programs developed, leadership in supporting organizations, funding acquired, or any other major contributions to the field.

To quote from the award nomination:

> Through the years, Carol Fialkowski has become a nationally respected leader in environmental education. Not only has she created environmental education programs that involved and excited urban teachers in Chicago, but she is involved in many initiatives in the state and nation. The list starts with the recent EL for IL initiative and ILEAC at the state level and continues nationally with an urban E.E. project associated with the North American Association for Environmental Education. Carol has helped to mentor and inspire hundreds of teachers. One wrote, "As a Chicago Public School teacher, she [Carol] has certainly cleared many paths for me, enabling me, even where the wetlands flooded and the prairie land disappeared, to jump for science."

PLAN AHEAD!

Just a reminder to all Museum departments, the "Dinosaurs and More Festival" is scheduled for October 25 - 27. Lectures, activities, hall programs and demonstrations will be going on throughout the public areas of the Museum. ***If you are aware of any possible conflicts*** (hall closings, painting, renovations, sidewalk removal, stairwell closing, exhibit changes, etc.) with the "Festival," please contact the Education Department as soon as possible. Thanks.

EDUCATION VOLUNTEERS RETURN FROM MONTANA

Showing their initiative and commitment to the **Life Over Time** exhibit, education volunteers **Dennis Kinzig, Ross Chisholm, Warren Valsa,** and **Mary Moreau** have just returned from a couple of weeks in north central Montana where they joined Rick Blob and Matt Carrano of the University of Chicago collecting material from the Judith River Formation. The collected material was then concentrated and brought to the Museum where the volunteers will pick through it using microscopes and lots of patience. This is the third year of this project where volunteers spend Saturdays in the **Life Over Time** exhibit picking though concentrate and answering numerous visitor questions, often doing both at the same time! Their discoveries of egg shells, very small theropods, mammals, lizards, turtles, frogs and other critters have helped to recreate the environment and ecology of the region 75 million years ago and giving visitors a glimpse of the research being done at the Museum. Visitors walk away with a greater appreciation of the work being done at Field Museum and the skill and ability of our volunteer staff. -- Both articles above submitted by **Peter Laraba**

MISSING YOUR STICKER?
NOT GETTING A DISCOUNT?

The holographic stickers which have been attached to Museum Staff and Volunteer I.D. badges are intended to identify clearly which badge wearers are eligible for the discount at McDonald's and Picnic in the Field. This new method is working well in eliminating abuse of the discount and we appreciate the cooperation of all staff and volunteers.

These stickers are designed to adhere to the I.D. badge permanently. If your sticker should happen to be lost you may obtain a replacement at the Security Equipment Office during their daily open office hours of 1:00 a.m. to 12 noon seven days per week.

Submitted by **Jim Lowers**

Editor's note:
When submitting an article for the *Natural News,* please include the name(s) of the author(s) or person(s) who can be called for further information or comments. In an effort to be responsive to readers who complained about the practice of publishing unsigned articles, the name of the person who submitted the article has sometimes been added by the editor. This in turn has led to occasional misunderstandings. Questions or comments on articles can always be directed to **Carolyn Klyce,** Editor (x642).

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ON SEPTEMBER 19, THE MUSEUM WILL CLOSE AT 4:00 P.M. FOR THE MUSEUM OPEN HOUSE FOR GUESTS OF JOHN MCCARTER. STAY TUNED FOR FURTHER DETAILS.

HAIL AND FAREWELL

Robert Vosper started Thursday, August 22, as Director of Publications. He received his Bachelor's in Political Science from George Washington University and his Master's in Journalism from Medill. Between schools, Rob worked in the press office for the Clinton campaign and for numerous law firms. Recently, he edited and produced member newsletters for an association management company. We welcome Rob Vosper.

Ron Dorfman is leaving the Museum for an early retirement. Highest on the list of Ron's many accomplishments is the creation of In The Field, our lively newspaper for members and other friends, a publication which dares tell what is happening at the Museum.

Party with Ron and Rob at Ron's favorite restaurant:

Date: Friday, September 6, 1996

Time:5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Place: Szechwan East, 340 East Ohio

Parking: discounted and next door

Price:$10.00 for one drink and unlimited appetizers

R.S.V.P. (and payment) by 9/05/96 to **Richard Quinn** (x617)

Submitted by **Willard E. White**, Vice President for Institutional Advancement

WELCOME! Staff Members who started at the Museum in August

Sandra Blake (welcome back)	Education	Secretary II	854
John Ososky (welcome back)	Fishes	MS-Science I	428
Robert Vosper	Publications	Publications Director	465

CONGRATULATIONS on your promotion!

Valerie Gardner	Membership	Clerk III	454
Stephen Bell	Education	Program Manager	362

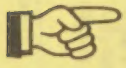
GOODBYE AND GOOD LUCK... Staff Members who left in August

Bertha Alaniz	Academic Affairs	Intern	(term)
Maria Alvarez	Visitor Services	Visitor Services Rep I	(term)
Bill Black	Education	Spiders! Floor Manager	(term)
Michelle Booth	Museum Store	Sales Clerk I	(term)
Mary Chiz	Exhibits	Graphic Designer III	
Michael Fonte	Academic Affairs	Intern	(term)
David French	Security	Security Officer II	
Angela Graham	Museum Stores	Sales Clerk I	(term)
Olga Helmy	Zoology/Insects	Intern	(term)
Bettina Marshall	Museum Stores	Sales Clerk I	(term)
Ayanna Mitchell	Visitor Services	Visitor Services Rep I	(term)
Anita Morgan	Education	Searle Volunteer Coordinator	
Ismial Morrar	Academic Affairs	Intern	(term)
Maria McHarris	Academic Affairs	Intern	(term)
Genevieve Nano	Academic Affairs	Intern	(term)
Crystal Nicholson	Visitor Services	Visitor Services Rep I	(term)
Tonya Price	Visitor Services	Visitor Services Rep I	(term)
Natalie Rigertas	Zoology/Mammal	Intern	(term)
Tomisha Smith	Academic Affairs	Intern	(term)
Gina Wesley	Academic Affairs	Intern Program Assistant	(term)
Angela Wickham	Museum Stores	Sales Clerk I	(term)

Happy Labor Day

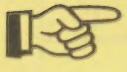
AND REMEMBER TO ERASE YOUR VOICE MAIL MESSAGES!

During the holidays the Museum often has problems with overflow on the voice mail message system, causing messages to be delayed or lost.



Please ERASE your messages when you have listened to them by dialing 76. ***If you forget*** to erase your messages before hanging up, remember that you can erase the next time you go into voice mail by following the prompts to get to the first old message and then dialing 76.

If you will be away from the office for a few days, please change your greeting to let people know. See instructions for recording a greeting on the other side of this flyer.



Remember that you can access voice mail when you are away from the office by dialing the main museum number (922-9410) and then dialing 555 anytime during the welcoming message or after. This puts you into the voice mail system and you can access your mailbox by following the prompts in the usual way.

Finally, all staff should leave their passwords with their supervisors or another responsible person in their office so that in the event of an illness or other emergency, your voice mail can still be accessed and calls can be answered.

MERIDIAN VOICE MAIL

LOG ON --

1. Call meridian mail... 555
2. Dial your mailbox number #_____
3. Dial your password #_____

To Listen to Messages:

Dial 2 to play message
Dial 2 to play message again
Dial 76 to delete
Dial 6 to go to next message
Dial 9 to respond to sender. . .
Dial 83 to disconnect

Other Keypad Commands:

86 go to __ (any number msg) #
1 Skip back 5 seconds
3 Skip forward 5 seconds
4 Go to previous message
6 Go to next message
* Help
# Stop, end of message, enter

To Record a Message

Dial 75 to Record
Dial mailbox no's to receive message
Dial # between each entry
Dial ## at the end of list
Dial 5 to begin recording
Dial # end of message
Dial 2 to listen to your message
Dial 5 to add to your message
Dial # at end of message
Dial 79 to send message
Dial 83 to disconnect

To Record a Personal Greeting

Dial 82 to record your greeting
Dial 1 for external greeting
Dial 2 internal greeting
Dial 5 to begin recording
Dial # to end greeting
Dial 2 to listen to your greeting
To exit greeting mode press 4 to return to commands
Dial 83 to disconnect

To Change Your Password

Dial 84
Enter your new password #
Renter your new password #
Enter your old password #
(Your password is now changed.)
Dial 83 to disconnect

Name Dialing

When MM asks for ext. no's--
Dial 77
Enter last name on key pad
Enter first name on key pad #
(Susy will interrupt when name is found)
Press # to enter

September 1996
Museum Wide Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 (Bear game) Holiday	3 8:00am-5:00pm SE, WB Fashion Show, LOAD-IN,	4 8:00am-8:00pm WB Fashion Show Models Luncheon, JST	5 8:00am-10:00pm Set-up for Fashion Show, SFH 9:00am-5:00pm ED, Native American Issues, LHI 9:00am-5:00pm ED, Native American Training, LHII	6 6:30am-11:00pm WB Fashion Show, SFH/JST, SET-UP 11:30am-12:30pm WB Fashion Show, JST, 700 12:30-3:00pm WB Fashion Show, SFH, LUNCHEON, 700	7 9:00am-3:00pm ED, Native Peoples Vol Training, LHI 10:00am-4:00pm ED, AFC Courses, LHII
8	9 6:00-10:00pm SE, Chicago Hang Gliding Organization, Clsrm I 6:30-10:30pm SE, Camera Club, LHII 7:00-9:00pm ED, Matt Chapin Lecture, LHI 7:00-10:00pm SE, Ill Mycological, LHI	10	11 12:00-4:00pm Patho. Training, LHI	12 9:00am-12:00pm Patho. Training, LHI 9:00am-5:00pm ED, Native American Training, LHII	13 9:00am-3:00pm SE, Set-up for Society for the Arts, JST	14 9:00am-5:00pm SE, Native American Training, LHII 1:00-4:00pm ED, Wade Davis Lecture, LHI & JST 6:30-10:30pm SE, Society for the Arts, JST
15 (Bear game)	16 6:00-10:00pm SE, Set-up for Citicorp, JST 6:30-9:30pm SE, Chgo Mountain Club, LHII 7:00-10:00pm SE, Chgo Ornitho Society, LHII 7:00-11:00pm SE, Motorola, SFH, 250	17 5:30-10:30pm SE, Citicorp, SFH & JST	18	19 5:00-8:30pm McCarter Investiture, SFH/ Bal/3rd Flr; 1,000	20 9:00am-3:00pm ED, Native Peoples Vol Training, LHI	21 10:00am-3:00pm ED, Neighbors Day 8:00pm-12:00am SE, Kellogg Grad School, SFH 800
22 11:00am-3:00pm ED, Celebracion, SFH, JST, Clsrm 1&3	23	24 5:30-10:00pm SE, YPO, SFH, 200	25 9:00am-12:00pm FM Board of Trustees, LH II 6:30-10:00pm SE, National Selected Morticians, SFH 7:00-10:00pm SE, Chgo Herp Society, LHI	26 9:00am-3:00pm ED, Celebracion, SFH, JST, Clsrm 1&3 5:00pm Staff Welcome/Thank You Party, SFH	27 8:30am-1:00pm Personnel Orientation, LHII 9:00am-3:00pm ED, Celebracion, SFH, JST, Clsrm 1&3 7:00pm-1:00am SE, AAGL, SFH, 600	28 9:00am-3:00pm ED, Native Peoples Vol Training, LH II 11:00am-3:00pm ED, Celebracion, SFH, JST, Clsrm 1&3
29 (Bear game)	30					

"BOOK-ABLE" SPACES IN FIELD MUSEUM
1/6/95

SPACE	LOC	MAX	USE	SCHEDULE BY	CONTACT	EXT.	
Classroom 1	GF	50	I P	Education	Bob Cantu	353	
Classroom 2	GF	40	I P	Education	Bob Cantu	353	
Classroom 3	GF	30	I P	Education	Bob Cantu	353	
~~Classroom 4~~	~~2nd~~	~~40~~	~~I P~~	~~Education~~	~~Bob Cantu~~	~~353~~	CLOSED
Conf. Room 1	GF	20	I	Spec. Events	Special Ev. Sec'y	864	
Dining Room A	GF	16	I	Instit. Adv.	Suzanne Murphy	210	Restricted use
Dining Room B	GF	4	I S	Spec. Events	Special Ev. Sec'y	864	
Dining Room C	GF	6	I S	Spec. Events	Special Ev. Sec'y	864	
Dining Room C/D	GF	20	I S	Spec. Events	Special Ev. Sec'y	864	
Dining Room D	GF	12	I S	Spec. Events	Special Ev. Sec'y	864	
Dining Room E	GF	75	I P S	Spec. Events	Special Ev. Sec'y	864	
D&P Conf. Room	4th	10	I	Exhibits	Jessica Newman	329	
Educ. Conf. Room	GF	14	I S	Education	Clara Aytch-Baker	247	
Developers Conf. Rm.	4th	8	I	Exhibits	Jessica Newman	329	
Founder's Room	1st	100	I S	Tours	Dorothy Roder	862	Restricted use
Montgomery Ward H.	GF	150	I P S	Education	Bob Cantu	353	
Lecture Hall II	GF	75	I P S	Education	Bob Cantu	353	
Picnic East (Sch)	GF	320	P S	Education	Bob Cantu	353	
Picnic West (Pub)	GF	125	P S	Education	Bob Cantu	353	
Rice Center	1st		P S	Spec. Events	Special Ev. Sec'y	864	
Simpson Theatre	GF	1000	I P S	Spec. Events	Special Ev. Sec'y	864	
Zoology Clrm.	3rd	50	I	Zoology	Norann Miller	255	
Webber Resource	1st	35	P S	Education	Bob Cantu	353	
Maori Meeting House	2nd	35	P S	Education	Bob Cantu	353	
Pawnee Earth Lodge	1st	35	P S	Education	Bob Cantu	353	
Place for Wonder	1st	35	P S	Education	Bob Cantu	353	
Stanley Field Hall	1st	35	I P S	Spec. Events	Special Ev. Sec'y	864	
EXHIBIT HALL: Permanent Exhibits			P S	Spec. Events	Carol Konieczny	218	Exhibits Dept. consulted prior to confirmation
EXHIBIT HALLS: Special Exhibits			P S	Spec. Events	Carol Konieczny	218	

I = Internal (meetings, etc.)

P = Public (Programs, Classes, etc.)

S = Special Events

EXHIBITS DEPARTMENT NEWS

Hall 8 (Mexico and Central America) is in a state of temporary disarray. Work on the new Special Exhibit Galleries in Hall 7 has forced us to re-wire the cases along the north wall of Hall 8. Further work on Hall 7 will necessitate the placement of dust barriers in Hall 8 and covering with barrier protection for the dwelling in the middle of the Northwest Indian Hall. Work on the "Living Together" exhibit in the front of Hall 7 will also affect Hall 8 for some time. As the schedule becomes clearer, we will let you know. Questions on this may be directed to **Gene Dillenburg**, (x636).

SO LONG, *SIZES!*

The Sizes exhibit we be decommissioned over the next couple of weeks. The space it occupies will be converted into an entryway for the new Special Exhibit Galleries in Halls 6 and 7. Sizes will be put into storage for possible future use.

FIX-UP MARCHES ON

Over the last few weeks, several exhibits have been installed or modified. We'd like to thanks all the people who worked so hard to make this possible:

Bushman

The famous gorilla has moved from his Ground Floor home near the Children's Store to a new location, outside the Egypt store. We've also added a photo mural and labels telling his life story. (Look for further additions to this display in October!)

Developer:	**Karen Pernia**
Designer:	**Lynn Hobbs**
Production:	**John Petreikis**
Installation:	**Steven Bell, Eric Frazier, Pam Gaible, Eric Manabat**
Special thanks:	**Nina Cummings; Larry Heaney; Sheldon Moi** and the folks in Maintenance

The Lions of Tsavo

In preparation for next month's release of "The Ghost and The Darkness" (a movie about the two man-eating lions), we enhanced the lions' setting and added a new label panel.

Developer:	**Alan Shefner**
Design:	**Mary Chiz, Robert Weiglein**
Prod/Inst:	**John Cannon, Nell Fetherling, Pam Gaible, Charles James, Lance Kirsch, Matthew Parker, John Petreikis, Susan Phillips**
Special thanks:	**Nina Cummings; Bill Stanley; Benjamin Williams**; Chicago Park District; Illinois Railway Museum

Pomo Indians

Two wall cases of Pomo artifacts -- one decorative arts, the other household artifacts -- were recently re-installed in North American Indians: West (Hall 4), having been moved out of Hall 7 by the on-going construction.

Design:	**Robert Weiglein**
Production:	**Fred Anderson, Pam Gaible, Kurt Oldenbrook, Karen Pernia**
Installation:	**Eric Frazier, Eric Manabat**

And a special thank-you to the Exhibit Department supervisors who coordinated these projects and made them possible: **Jean Cattell, Geoff Grove, David Layman, Mike Paha, Gene Dillenburg.**

MISSING: 3 BRIGHT GREEN PAPER RECYCLING TOTES

If anyone has seen one of the large paper recycling totes in a place that it doesn't belong, please return it to one of the tote stations or to Shipping. Thanks!!

Totes belong at the following stations:

Ground floor - Print Shop, Administration (ice machine closet), Education
Second Floor - Computing
Third Floor - North and South ends of floor
Fourth Floor - North and South ends of floor

Thanks! To all staff who have extended themselves in working with the public during the Democratic National Convention and the holiday period when the resources of the Museum are used to their fullest. In times such as these, we have the opportunity to put the Museum's "best foot forward" and this is made possible only with good team work from all the staff.

Construction briefs: The **Dino Store** has been completed and looks great! Go see it. Demolition work has begun in the former Membership Offices. The space is being prepared for construction of the new **Women's Board offices**. Work continues on the **Special Exhibit Hall** with "coring" (i.e. drilling for infrastructure such as electrical wiring) and the construction of the mechanical room in the space formerly occupied by the Dino Store. Sometime in September the structural steel will be brought in, maybe through the doors to Stanley Field Hall. This work will be done during very early morning hours to cause the least disruption possible. And finally, those involved with the **landscaping** project appreciate the many compliments received on the spruced-up look of the grounds. Questions? Call **John Mazza** (x380) or **Carolyn Klyce** (x642).